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Additionally, adoption of the broadcast flag will harm innovation. Many users of open-source software are computer programmers and "tinkerers" who work to improve the software. Their contributions and constant innovation is what makes open-source software able to compete in the marketplace. Don't be fooled into thinking that Microsoft has innovated anything.

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America is and has been the leading innovator in the fields of communications and computers. Don't suffocate this innovation in the interests of a few large corporations interested in regulating the industry in their benefit, and until they alone can provide these innovations, if they ever do.

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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps

Your upcoming choices regarding Broadcast Flags allow you the unique viewpoint of defining digital media from now on — you can either lock it up — by approving a "broadcast flag" measure, or free it, by choosing not to pass that new regulation.

Broadcast flags would prevent Open Source Software from accessing digital television, which I feel would violate both freedom of speech and press.

As a journalist, I feel that this degree of Federal Control over television is dangerously close to censorship — it would be incredibly easy, given this technology, to take a channel or program off the air if it says or does something against the government.

Please DO NOT allow broadcast flags to be implemented.

Jason Faulkner

former Sports Editor

Spring Hope Enterprise

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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

Again I am appalled at the government's quest to control and regulate the privacy in our homes. Again and as usual this is all money based. This issue is not about what is fair. Isn't it strange Hollywood is not interested in controlling when it comes to pornography issues. Hollywood and the media services (TV, newspapers, etc) want "freedom of speech" when it is to their benefit. Everyone shouts about "their rights" being violated, well I will jump on this issue. The rights in my home will be violated.

I would hope Hollywood and the TV industry would jump on the band wagon for education. Don't they understand it would be to their benefit to allow schools to use their products for education? For once I hope you will listen to the "little people of the United States."

Sincerely,

Karen Carter



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Rules like this take away our rights to watch and enjoy our entertainment as we see fit and in the best time. There is no need to break a system that works perfectly. Please think about consumers and stand up for our interests.

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Eric Schultz

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of a copyrighted works for educational purposes. Although this legal

concept may protect my educational use of recorded broadcast television

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Sincerely,

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Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps.

To Whom It May Concern

As a broadcast television viewer and consumer of electronics and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am outraged that the FCC would consider a regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

The broadcast flag is neither in my interest nor the public's interest. It will prevent me from watching digital broadcast television in the ways I currently enjoy analog broadcast television—for example, it will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place

The broadcast flag will also lock out my computer as a way to watch my favorite shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send a television clip of a high school football game to family and friends

Furthermore, if computers cannot freely receive digital television, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways I haven't even thought of? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts

If the move to digital television does not make the public's viewing experience more enjoyable, flexible, and exciting, what compelling reason do I have as a consumer to buy new digital television equipment? A prettier picture is hardly enough reason for me to dispense with all my current consumer electronics and computer equipment. As a citizen and viewer of broadcast television, I urge you to promote the digital television transition by opposing adoption of the broadcast flag.

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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

Thousands of American consumers have already expressed their opposition to the FCC's adoption of a "broadcast flag". I am writing to join them. As a user of open-source software, adoption of the broadcast flag will mean I am unable to receive digital television broadcasts on my computer.

Adopting the broadcast flag will make the FCC stand for "Federal Computer Control" which is outside its proper role. It is not the FCC's place to effectively choose the software licenses or computer operating systems that consumers must use in order to watch digital television broadcast on their computers.

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Wednesday, October 29, 2003

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VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Commissioner Copps,

As a consumer of broadcast television, electronics, and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am gravely concerned that a broadcast flag regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

The digital television transition relies on convincing consumers of the benefits of switching to and buying digital television equipment. That transition will be far more palatable to me as a consumer if switching doesn't mean discarding my existing home network, buying new high-resolution displays, and finding room for yet another device in my living room. Please do not allow the MPAA and its allies to hinder the transition by making us buy special-purpose DTV devices that are more expensive and less valuable.

In addition, I am very concerned about the fair-use implications of the broadcast flag. With today's technology, I can be more than a passive recipient of content -- I can modify, create, and participate. I can record TV to watch later, clip a small piece of TV and splice it into a home movie, send an email clip of my child's football game to a distant relative, or record a TV program onto a DVD and play it at my friend's apartment. The broadcast flag seems designed to remove this control and flexibility that I enjoy.

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